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Docket No.: 832010

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Charles R. Cash, et al. :  
Serial No. 09/653,196 : Group Art Unit: 2123  
Filed: August 31, 2000 : Examiner:  
For: LANE AND FRONT-END EFFECTIVENESS MODEL :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, delete first full paragraph and replace with the  
following:

--The present invention claims priority from a provisional  
application Serial No. 60/151,629 filed on August 31, 1999 entitled  
"Management Decision Modeling Software Application" which is hereby  
incorporated by reference in its entirety into this specification.  
The present application is related to the application entitled  
"Branch Effectiveness Model Application" filed on even date  
herewith (NCR Docket No. 8320) which is hereby incorporated by  
reference in its entirety into the specification.--